GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF MORARJI DESAI YOGA KENDRA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the new rules of Morarji Desai Yoga Kendra, no Yoga enthusiast is allowed to further learn Yoga after he/she has completed a six month course ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

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(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken for the benefit of regular Yoga learners in this Institute;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to privatise this institute; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The classes at the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) were being held free of cost and there was no restriction on admission and the duration of training. As a result, some of the nearby residents were using these facilities almost endlessly and as per their convenience. The Institute was turning out to be more of a health club in the neighborhood and deterrent for the seriously interested Yoga aspirants. There were problems of discipline also. After introduction of the nominal fee of Rs.100 and restriction on maximum duration of training in the programmes to 6 months by MDNIY, significant improvement in discipline, punctuality, attendance and seriousness has been noticed and those interested in understanding the finer aspects of Yoga, are appreciating the change.

(c): No, Sir. As a National Institute, the institute is not just meant for conducting Yoga classes for general public, but it has to conduct educational Diploma programmes, Reorientation Training, Research, Publication etc. which it is doing.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Yoga learners who attended regular Yoga classes for six months, do not require any further training. They may continue doing Yoga on their own.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Does not arise.